

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

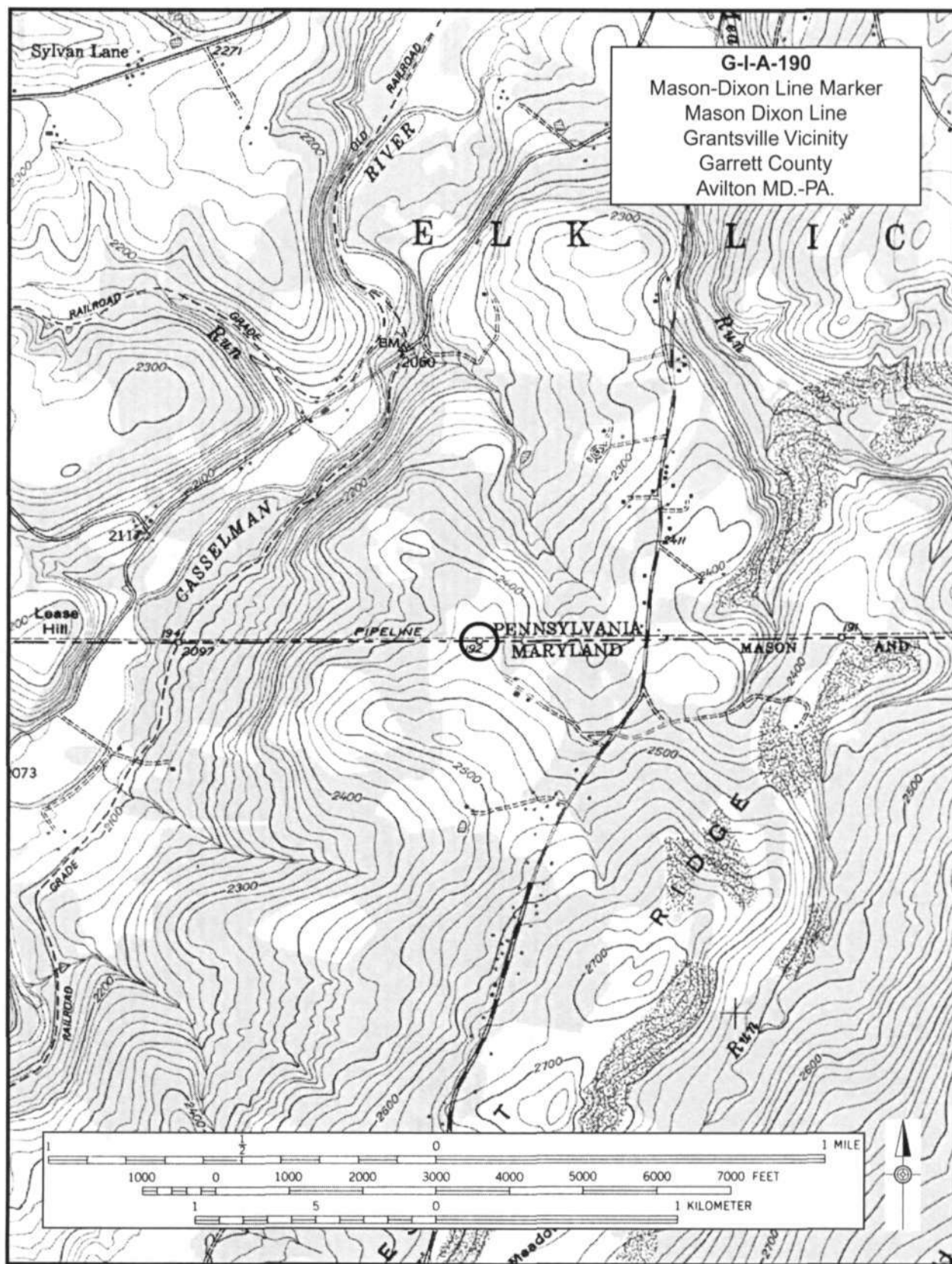
Addendum

MIHP Number: G-I-A-190

Property Name: Mason Dixon Line Milestone 192

Property Address: Maryland – Pennsylvania Border, in a field 2,300 feet west of U.S. 219.

Mason-Dixon Line Milestone 192 is a small rectangular stone marker set atop a low earthen mound. The monument and mound, the ruin of the original cairn, represent one of the survey points established during the initial 1767 survey and confirmed during the 1902 resurvey. We located, mapped and photographed the monument, and found it intact. The Maryland Historic Trust and the Maryland Geological Survey surveyed the marker in 1981 and it was nominated for the National Register of Historic Places the following year as part of "Boundary Markers Along The Mason-Dixon Line Thematic Group." Information on file at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicates that the markers were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. As the historic property boundary has not been clearly defined, we recommend a fifty-foot diameter circle from the 1902 marker, including the marker, mound and immediate setting, as the historic property boundary.





G-1-A-190 (Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker)
Garrett County, Maryland
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)
View of Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker, facing South
Photo 1 of 1

ABSTRACT

G-IA-190

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(192)

1767 (mound site), 1902 (monument)

Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(192) and its mound site on Chestnut Ridge mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 175½ miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the/^{English}provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches with a USC&GS Traverse Station metal disk now cemented into the apex (MAUST 1967) square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked, presumably with the cairn), and 1902 (when the new monument was added to the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, described as "a large mound of earth" by the Resurvey, is no longer distinguishable. On the national and state levels, No.---(192) and its mound site are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 192)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346)

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS - N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE**PUBLIC ACQUISITION****ACCESSIBLE**☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES- RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES- UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ not applicable☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument and mound site only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IA-190 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. G-IA-190

CONDITION (monument)		CHECK ONE (monument)	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (mound & monument)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (mound)		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (192), and its large mound of earth (no longer distinguishable) mark a point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 175½ miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. The monument was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, (except for the USC&GS Traverse Station disk set into the apex), and firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 20 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is a ^{cleared, farmed} broad, high plateau (elevation at the site about 2460 feet), one of the several ^{westerly} offshoots of Chestnut Ridge, with scattered housing mostly along US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346). The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles south-southwest of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 miles north of the settlement of High Point, MD; about 2300 feet west of US 219 at the Line; in the middle of one of the Maust farm fields, about 20 feet south of an east-west single-wire fence. It cannot be seen from any road, but is within sight ^{from} the Maust barns, and easily from closeby. The site seems protected, despite the apparent plowing off of the mound.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes are all clear and intact; although the apex has been slightly altered by the cementing in of a USC&GS Traverse Station ^{metal} disk (MAUST 1967); and there are small chips at the top corners and along the vertical edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for ^{further} descriptions of the replacement and additional monuments set during the Resurvey, and the original Mason and Dixon mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound site) ~~NON RESEARCHABLE~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(192) and its mound site are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of a ^{presumably original} large mound of earth in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(192) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66322, northing 439844VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY GarrettSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/11/81 site surveyed

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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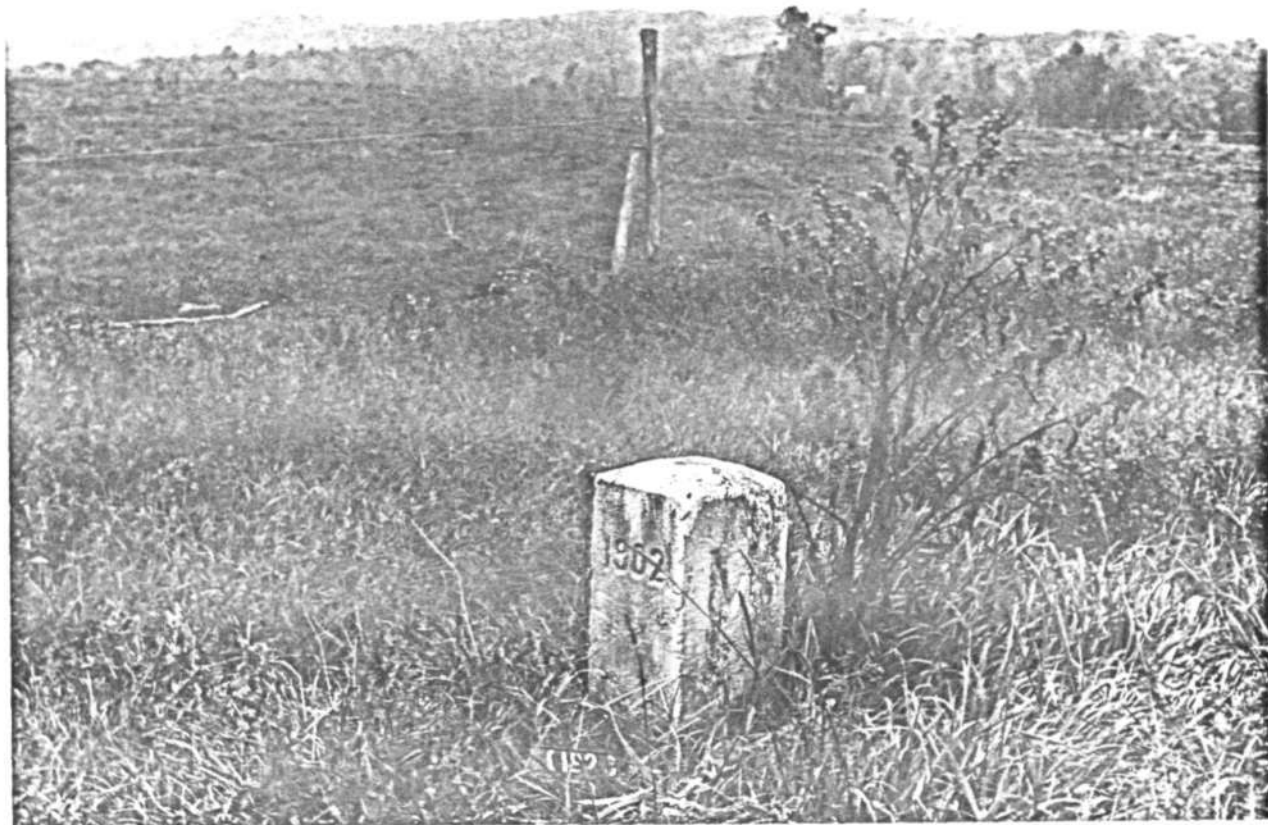


NE CORNER (1767/P)

(1981. 45. 19A)

SW CORNER (1902/M)

(1981. 45. 21A)



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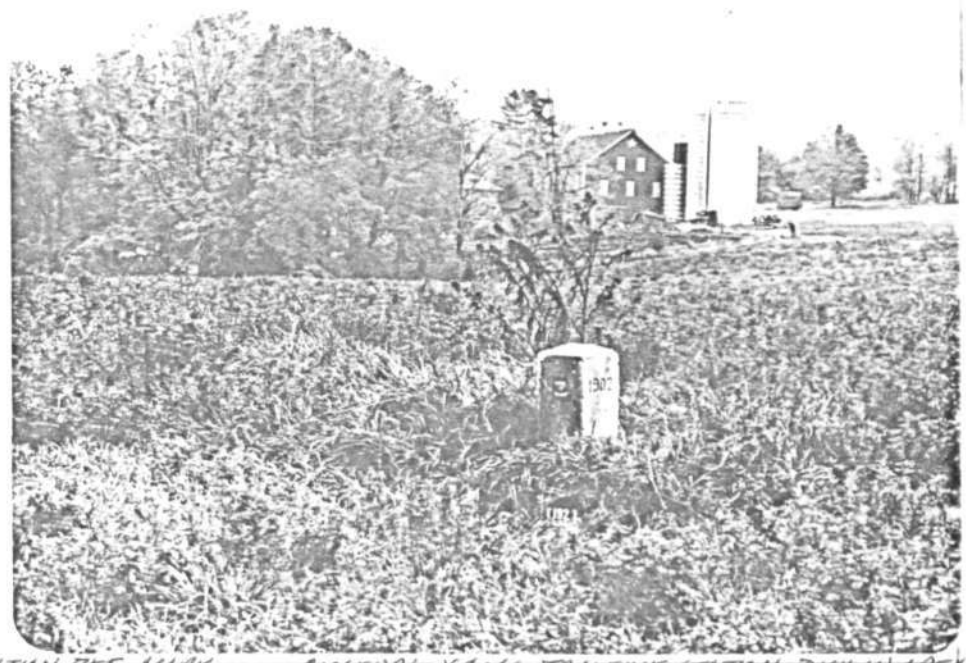
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DATE **MM-81** ASSIGNMENT **BARRETT CUNY - (192)** FILE NO. **884**
HASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS
STYLE NO. 85-28

PHOTOS: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 HASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (192)

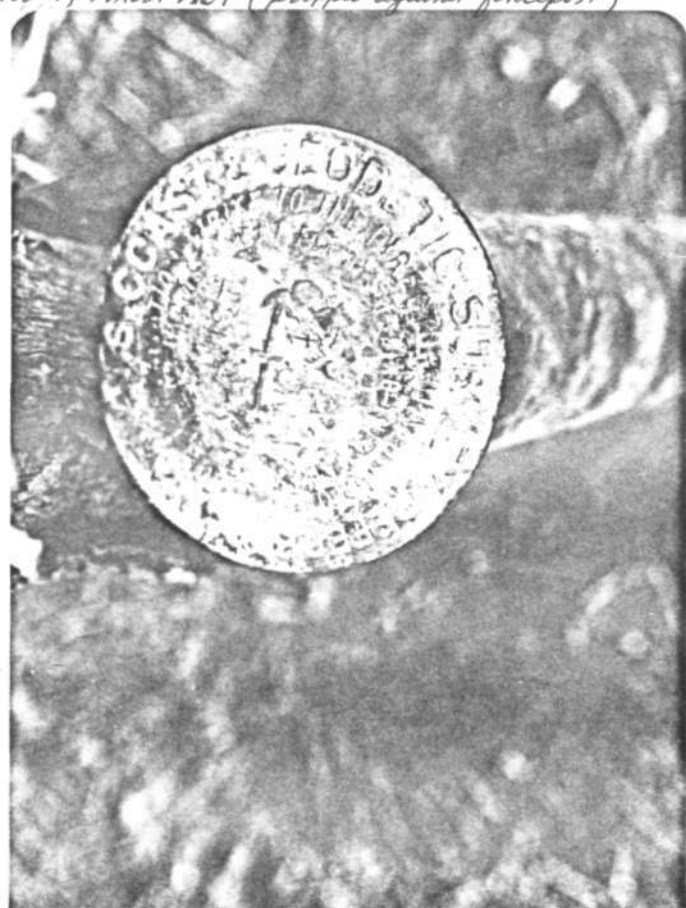
~~MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (192)
STONE MONUMENT (1967) IN LARGE MOUND OF EARTH + 1967
HAUST 1967 TRAVERSE STATION
RETURNED (1981)
PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45.19A)~~

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST;
OF MONUMENT IN RELATION
TO HAUST BARNS & SILOS
(1981.45.25A)



(1981.45.24A)
CLOSEUP: USCEGS TRAVERSE STATION REF. MARK
NO. 1, HAUST 1967 (propped against fencepost)

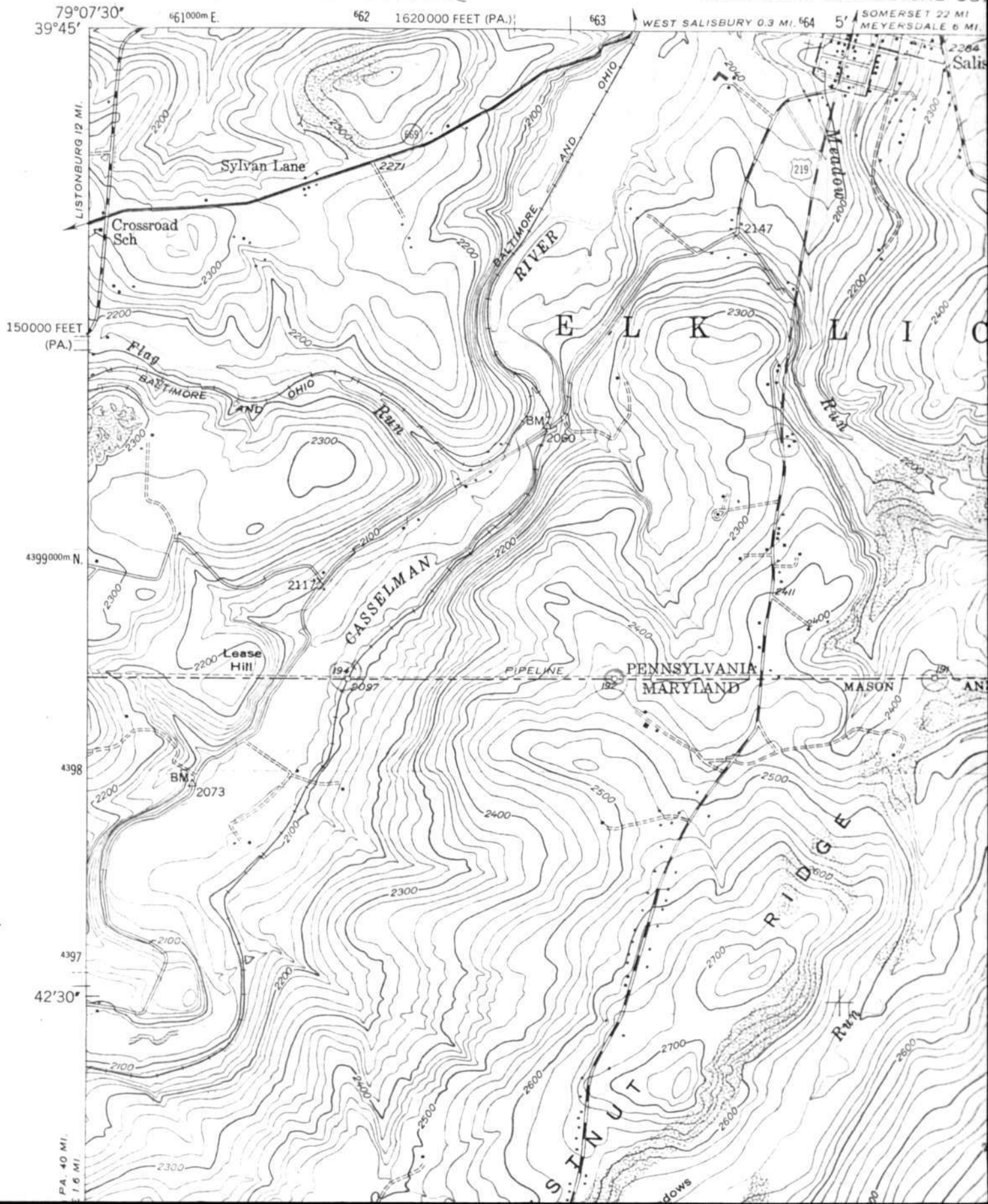
CLOSEUP: USCEGS TRAVERSE STATION DISK IN APEX OF
MONUMENT: HAUST 1967 (1981.45.23A)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:
MILESTONE NO. — (192)

AVILTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1947 PHOTO REV. 1974
SCALE: 1" = 2000'
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (192)
STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF EARTH.
USCEGS MAUST 1967 TRAVERSE STATION
NE CORNER (1767/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45. 20A)



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HASON EDIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (192)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/11) \approx SHOWING USCCGS
TRAVERSE STATION MAUST 1967 + REF.
MARK NO. 1 (leaning against fencepost)

^{out of ground}
PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.45. 22A)